

(b) the target fixed therefor during the last three years and the progress made so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) One laybye has been constructed at km. 373 on National Highway 2 near Topchanchi in Bihar.

(b) During the last three years, viz 1.4.88 to 31.3.91 there was no provision in the Annual Programmes of Bihar for construction of further laybys.

#### **Ordnance Factories**

1427. SHRI SUSHIL CHANDRA VERMA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of ordnance factories in the country, their location and the number of workers employed in each of them;

(b) the details of ordnance factories running in losses;

(c) the factories producing redundant items and whether there is any proposal to close down these factories; and

(d) out of the total requirement of defence material of the Indian Army, the percentage being manufactured in the public sector as well as the private sector, separately?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) A Statement is attached.

(b) The Ordnance Factories are departmental undertakings primarily catering to the Services' requirements on a 'no-profit no-loss' basis.

(c) There are no such factories.

(d) It would not be in the public interest to disclose the Information.

#### **STATEMENT**

	<i>No. of workers</i>
<i>Andhra Pradesh</i>	
1. Ordnance of Factory, Medak	1550
<i>Madhya Pradesh</i>	
1. Gun Carriage factory, Jabalpur	7042
2. Ordnance Factory, Khamaria	9093
3. Vehicle Factory, Jabalpur	8499
4. Ordnance factory, Katni	1984
5. Grey Iron Foundry, Jabalpur	1816
6. Ordnance Factory, Itarsi	1730

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*No. of workers*

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**Maharashtra**

1.	Ammunition Factory, Kirkee	7879
2.	High Explosives factory, Kirkee	1000
3.	Ordnance Factory, Ambamath	2896
4.	Ordnance Factory, Bhusawal	1437
5.	Machine Tools Proto-Type Factory, Ambamath	1489
6.	Ordnance Factory, Ambajhari	6378
7.	Ordnance Factory, Varangaon	2627
8.	Ordnance Factory, Bhandara	2724
9.	Ordnance Factory, Chanda	4468
10.	Ordnance Factory, Dehu Road	969

**Orissa**

1.	Ordnance Factory, Bolangir	229
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**Union Territory - Chandigarh**

1.	Ordnance Cable Factory, Chandigarh	518
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**Tamil Nadu**

1.	Cordite Factory, Arvunkadu	3019
2.	Ordnance Factory, Tiruchirapalli	1740
3.	Ordnance Clothing Factory, Avadi	3152
4.	Heavy Vehicle Factory, Avadi	4208
5.	Combined Engine Plant, Avadi (Project Stage)	
6.	Happ, Tiruchirapalli	342

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*No. of workers***Uattar Pradesh**

1.	Ordnance Factory, Hazratpur	468
2.	Ordnance Equipment Factory, Kanpur	5403
3.	Ordnance Prachute Factory, Kanpur	3063
4.	Ordnance Factory, Kanpur	5975
5.	Ordnance Clothing Factory, Shahjahanpur	6718
6.	Ordnance factory, Dehra Dun	1300
7.	Opto-Electronics Factory, Dehra Dun	1124
8.	Ordnance Factory, Muradnagar	3044
9.	Small Arms Factory, Kanpur	3390
10.	Field Gun Factory, Kanpur	1482

**West Bengal**

1.	Gun and Shell Factory, Cossipore	5615
2.	Ordnance Factory, Dumdum	1648
3.	Metal and Steel factory, Ichapur	5300
4.	Rifle Factory, Ichapur	6134

**[English]****Rubber Prices.**

1428. SHRI PALAI K.M. MATHEW: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the rubber prices have fallen below the floor price;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government propose to export surplus rubber and stop all imports to maintain the floor price; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b). The price of rubber has fallen slightly due to the on-set of the peak production season. The current market price of fair average quality RMA-4